

Northstar Middle School NAC Meeting Minutes

Date | time 01/10/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Peggy Sue Reilly

Decisions

Voted to approve the following:

- Minutes of November NAC meeting
- Allocation of NAC funds to purchase gift cards to show appreciation to the students who will speak at Information Night.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The November meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Principal's Report

- We are almost half way through the school year.
- Some students arrived at school at the regular time today but the district had announced a 2-hour weather delay to start times. We could have more icy/snowy weather and the campus might not be open at the regular start time if the district has a late start. Parents and students can sign up for alerts at <http://flashalert.net/> in addition to the district's notifications.
- The district's Support Services has identified an acceptable site for the gaga ball pit on the campus: by the Emerson gym. It was noted that the cheaper options will not be acceptable and the pit cannot be built by parents. The next step is an assessment by the district's risk manager.

Head Teacher's Report

- We have about 1.5 weeks remaining this semester. Parents were encouraged to remind students to keep working and finish up assignments. The teachers are preparing for the second semester.
- This month's field trip is to Village Theatre in Issaquah to see The 39 Steps.

President's Report

- Parents were reminded to bring their volunteer log to their student's conference: every family has a commitment of 20 hours per year. There will be volunteer opportunities during conference week and with other activities. We still need a shadow president.
- Eight families have still not paid the annual contribution: the treasurer will be following up with them again. Our income is behind the projection and the budget will have to be re-balanced if income does not increase.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cushla McKenzie displayed the budget spreadsheet for review.

Our income is behind the projection and could be increased in the following ways:

- Payment of remaining annual contributions.
- Requests by parents for corporate matching for annual contributions and volunteer time.

- Increased use of Everyday Giving: Amazon Smiles and PCC cards.

NAC Officers Report – Committee Chairs

See the listing <http://www.lwsd.org/school/nsms/NAC/Pages/NAC-Officers.aspx> for the current NAC Officers & Committee Chairs. The following Committee Chairs presented information at this meeting:

Information Night - Megan Hayton

This is tomorrow (1/11). Lots of volunteers have signed up.

Ski program – Brandon Morris

The ski bus started last week and the trip went smoothly. There are empty seats on the bus some weeks: contact Leanne Vanderschoot to try this activity.

Conference Week – Yvonne Quirnbach-Brundage

The schedule is pretty much set and there is a good mix of classes and presenters. Peggy Sue will be registering students later this week. The chaperon sign-up will also be sent out this week.

School dance – Jessica Evertt

The next dance is on 2/10, theme to be decided. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at school the week before the dance. A sign-up for food and volunteers will be sent out later in the month.

Grants – Megan Hayton

The students have had the PE and meditation classes.

Other Business

Brandon Morris asked whether the classrooms could be opened earlier on cold mornings. Nell stated that students can wait in the Emerson Commons until 8am; Bob stated that he will try to open his classroom at that time.

Field Trip Coordinator Donna Kalyan reminded parents that the May field trip is to Victoria BC so students and chaperons will need passports and/or other necessary documentation. Harriet will send out information.

The February NAC meeting has been moved to 2/21.

Bob stated that he would like to show his appreciation to the students who will speak at Information Night with gift cards. Peggy Sue and Cushla will identify the appropriate budget category. This allocation of funds was approved.

Kudos

Yvonne Quirnbach-Brundage for organizing conference week.

Cushla McKenzie for tracking down parent contributions.

Brandon Morris for organizing the ski program.

The shadows for stepping up.

Important Dates

Monday	16 th January	No school: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	23 rd January	Dismissal at noon (school lessons today)
Tues – Friday	24 th - 27 th Jan	Dismissal at noon: Conference Week
Tuesday	31 st January	Field Trip: 39 Steps
Friday	10 th February	School dance at 7:30pm
Thurs, Friday	16 th and 17 th Feb	No school: Midwinter break
Monday	20 th February	No school: Presidents' Day
Tuesday	21 st February	NAC Meeting at 7 pm

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 7:48pm.

Counselor Noble Erickson gave a presentation on "Middle School Mental Health".

Next Meeting – 1/10/2017 7:00 PM, Northstar

Meeting Minutes: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/nsms/NAC/Pages/NAC-Meeting-Minutes.aspx>

Attendance:

